

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 260

House concurrent resolution commending Jennifer Clark for her nursing work in Haiti

Offered by: Representative Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, Jennifer Clark of Northfield is an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, a team of the hospital's personnel, including Jennifer Clark, other nurses, and doctors, recently completed an 11-day special mission to Haiti where it provided urgently needed health care services to the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the Caribbean island nation on January 12, 2010, and

Whereas, the Dartmouth team flew on a privately provided airplane, directly from the West Lebanon airport to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and then proceeded by land to the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, and

Whereas, once they arrived at their destination, a large hospital complex that once served the city, the team was appalled at the extent of the devastation and human suffering, and

Whereas, because of the earthquake's severity, much of the hospital was unusable, and the Dartmouth team offered its medical support services from a large tent that housed 20 to 26 patients at a time, and

Whereas, the Dartmouth team also included personnel, such as a nurse anesthetist, who worked in the hospital's still usable operating room together with doctors from other major medical centers in the United States, and

Whereas, Jennifer Clark was amazed at the emotional encouragement that the patients, who had never met before arriving at the hospital, provided to each other as they began often difficult recovery regimens from injuries sustained in the earthquake, and

Whereas, her 11 days in Haiti were personally fulfilling and satisfying as Jennifer Clark brought her professional expertise to patients who are in dire need of extensive medical attention, and

Whereas, were it not for the willingness of health care professionals, such as Jennifer Clark, to travel to Haiti and work under the most demanding and difficult conditions, these earthquake victims would not have been afforded the chance to receive the medical care necessary to maximize their chances of resuming even a semblance of normal life, and

Whereas, Jennifer Clark exemplifies the most admirable attributes of a health care professional, and she has expressed willingness to return in the future to Haiti in order to offer her medical expertise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends Jennifer Clark for her nursing work in Haiti, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jennifer Clark in Northfield.